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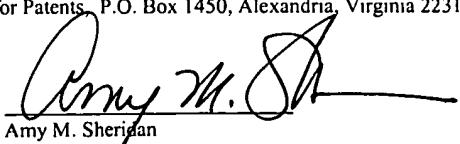
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U.S. Patents and Patent Publications

1. U.S. Patent No. 6,419,775 B1, to James G. Mackintosh, issued on July 16, 2002; and,
2. U.S. Patent No. 6,358,171 B1, to Kevin J. Whitfield, issued on March 19, 2002.

Non-U.S. Patent Documents

1. PCT Publication No. WO 02/084144 A1, to the Gates Corporation, published on October 24, 2002;
2. European Patent Publication No. EP 1 157 813 A1, to Dayco Europe S.r.l., published on November 28, 2001; and,
3. European Patent Publication No. EP 1 035 353 A1, to the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, published on September 13, 2000.

Other Documents

1. Anonymous, "Acrobat Reader Document Properties Summary Screenshot", XP-002301510, published on October 19, 2004; and,
2. Bayer, "Therban – Comparative Properties", XP-002301499, published on November 23, 2003, [http://www.therban.com/intertherban/c1multimedia\\_en.nsf/SysAllByCMSInternalKey/CHAR-5E3CG9/\\$File/compa\\_prop.pdf?OpenElement](http://www.therban.com/intertherban/c1multimedia_en.nsf/SysAllByCMSInternalKey/CHAR-5E3CG9/$File/compa_prop.pdf?OpenElement), retrieved on October 19, 2004.

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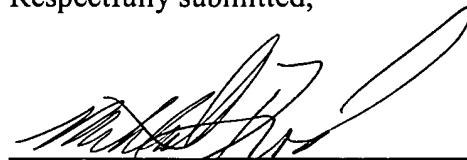
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